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Hirofumi NAKAMURA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_1464A
Serial No. 10/591,751 : Group Art Unit 1632
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B-FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE VARIANTS : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 8, 2008, Applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group I (claims 1-12, drawn to a β -fructofuranosidase variant).

Applicants note that Group II is drawn to polynucleotide, recombinant vector and transformant of the β -fructofuranosidase variant of Group I and therefore respectfully request examination of this group as well.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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